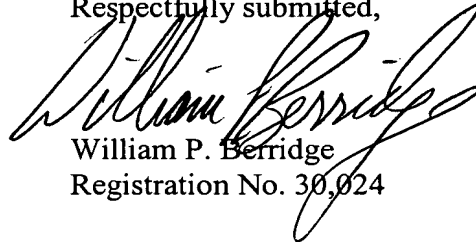


REMARKS

Claims 7 - 23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 - 6 are canceled and claims 7 - 23 are new to conform the claims to U.S. practice. No new subject matter has been added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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